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### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

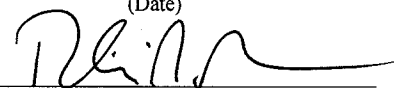
Applicant : Brad S. Culbert et al.  
 App. No : 10/623,193  
 Filed : July 18, 2003  
 For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
 SPINAL FIXATION  
 Examiner : Anuradha Ramana  
 Art Unit : 3775  
 Conf # : 2665

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being made as follows:

1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment/Reply in 14 pages.

2. Fees:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		2801 (\$405)		\$405
Excess Claims	43 - 52 = 0	2202 (\$26)	0 x 26 =	\$0
Excess Independent	5 - 4 = 1	2201 (\$110)	1 x 110 =	\$110
3 Month Extension		2253 (\$555)		\$555
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$1070</b>

(X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

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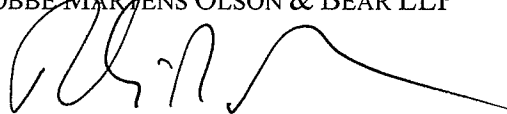
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3. Payment:

(X) The amount of \$1070 will be paid via EFS Web.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,  
KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR LLP



Dated: April 27, 2009

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